

Marshall County Courthouse  
Square bounded by Center, Main  
Church Sts., and First Ave.  
Marshalltown  
Marshall County  
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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

STATE IOWA	COUNTY MARSHALL	TOWN OR VICINITY MARSHALLTOWN
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) MARSHALL COUNTY COURTHOUSE		HABS NO. IA-78
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Square bounded by Center, Main, Church Sts., and First Ave.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1884-86	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) J.C. Cochrane of Chicago, architect	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This Italian Renaissance courthouse is a good example of one of two prominent styles in Iowa; the other being Richardson Romanesque. Designed by John C. Cochrane of Chicago, partner of A. H. Piquenard, this structure is similar to the present state capitols in Des Moines and Springfield, Illinois, both being designed by Cochrane.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Italian Renaissance		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Limestone with wood and sheet metal trim.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular in plan, the structure is three stories in height with a nine-bay front and six bays deep. A large, 175' central domed clock tower with clock is located above.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The first floor and raised basement are composed of rusticated limestone. Ionic pilasters articulate the second story. The hipped roof is broken by large prominent dormers and chimneys. A sculpture group stands atop a central projecting entrance pavilion.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Unknown		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Present county courthouse.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Shank, Wesley I., The Iowa Catalog: Historic American Buildings Survey, University of Iowa Press, Iowa City, 1979.		
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